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Timely Tidbits ...

RHS Store Plans "Coming Home" Sale

In conjunction with Romulus High School's annual "Coming Home" celebration, the school's Eagle Store is planning a sale for the week of February 15–19.

During "Coming Home" week, all merchandise will be discounted at least 15%, with clearance items marked down as much as 65%.

For more information, please call 734-941-2170, ext. 506.

"Black Experience" Is Focus of New Book Discussion Group

A meeting to discuss the organization of a book discussion group focusing on the African American experience will be held at Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17.

For more information, please contact either Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen (734-942-7589).

Kids Learn Basics at Baseball Clinic

Romulus High School's baseball coaching staff will conduct a baseball clinic on Saturday, March 13, in the High School's gymnasium. Students from grades three through five will attend the morning class (scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.), while students from grades six through eight will attend the afternoon session (set for 1 to 3 p.m.).

Fundamental skills covered during the clinic will include pitching, catching, hitting, and infield and outfield play.

For more information, or to register, stop in at the Romulus Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or contact Keith Brothers, City of Romulus Recreation Coordinator/Romulus High School Baseball Coach, at 734-942-6852. A fee of \$5 per student (donation toward the RHS baseball program) must be paid at the time of sign-up.

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 12. □

Ground-breaking for "The Farms" Marks New Era of Housing Development in City

This spring, for the first time in more than 30 years, construction of a subdivision of single-family homes will begin in the City of Romulus.

The first phase of the new development – to be known as "The Farms" – was kicked off on Tuesday, February 9, when numerous dignitaries attended a ground-breaking ceremony at the project's site, located on the east side of Cogswell just south of Ecorse Road. Phase two, "The Commons," will be built on the west side of Cogswell, across from "The Farms." Altogether, the development will consist of 130 homes on a total of 47 acres.

Elro Corporation – developers of "The Farms" and "The Commons" – has been active in the field for nearly five decades. The group has developed more than 30,000 single-family homes in numerous subdivisions throughout southeast Michigan.

The Romulus project's homes have been designed, and will be built, by Creative Structures, Inc.

"Creative Structures' homes offer more features and amenities than other homes in this size and price range," says Graham Orley, Chairman of the Elro Corporation. "The homes have



Taking part in the ground-breaking ceremony for "The Farms" were (from left) Romulus City Councilman Bill Crova; Linda Choate, City Clerk; Mayor Bill Oakley; Councilwoman Debbie Romak; Graham Orley, Elro Corporation Chairman; Council Chairman Randy Gear; Larry Williams, President, Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce; and Councilman Don Morris.

been designed to balance innovative floor plans and functionality with unparalleled detail to quality and comfort."

All the new homes will be built on lots that are a minimum of 9,100 square feet in size. Models will range from a 1,300-square-foot, three-bedroom

ranch, to a 2,050-square-foot colonial, and are expected to start at \$169,000.

Plans call for the construction of two models in the late spring. Although no definite time line has been established, a number of homes should be completed before the end of the year. □

EDS, City of Romulus Await ALJ's Decision

By Kristi Stephens

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), appears to have taken a significant step forward in its battle to operate the first commercial hazardous-waste injection well in Romulus.

A Brief History

In 1991 – under Part 625 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) – EDS applied for and received a permit to construct a disposal well (EDS 1-20) on Wahrman Road. In 1993, not long after the company completed its drilling, the City of Romulus filed a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court to prevent EDS from using the well. The City successfully argued that the well was located on property improperly zoned (M-1, instead of MT-2) for such a project, and then Judge Claudia House Morcom granted a permanent injunction against the well's operation. The matter is now pending before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Meanwhile, after being (at least temporarily) stymied in its attempt to use EDS 1-20, the company acquired a second parcel of land (zoned MT-2) on Citrin Drive in Romulus, and again applied for a NREPA Part 625 permit. In June 1997, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) denied the permit, stating that there was no "need" for an additional well due to the existence of EDS 1-20.

EDS appealed the decision, arguing that EDS 1-20 was not a usable well because of the injunction issued by Judge Morcom, and MDEQ Director Russell Harding delegated final decision-making authority in the matter to Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Richard G. Lacasse. In May 1998, Lacasse upheld the MDEQ's decision, stating, "Under Part 625, the Supervisor's authority to determine usability of a well is limited to whether it will function *mechanically* [italics added].

The determination of usability must be based upon the applicable test data. In this case, the Supervisor has determined the test data shows the EDS 1-20 disposal well is usable."

An Update on Recent Events

Again, EDS appealed the ruling – this time, in Ingham County Circuit Court (located near Lansing). On January 4, 1999, Judge Peter D. Houk directed all parties and their counsel to attend a settlement conference the following week (January 12). At the conference, EDS and the MDEQ worked out a Stipulation and Consent Agreement, in which:

- EDS acknowledged that there is not sufficient "need" for two commercial waste-disposal sites; however, since EDS 1-20 is currently unusable due to ongoing litigation, the company wishes to pursue the proposed EDS 1-12 and 2-12 wells at the Citrin Drive site;

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The Editor's Opinion

Will Romulus Follow Novi Down the Proverbial Road to Financial Ruin?

By Kristi Stephens

In light of recent events in Novi, we at *The Romulus News* are once again urging the City of Romulus to come to an amicable agreement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., before it's too late.

In the Oakland Final edition of the January 22, 1999 *Detroit Free Press*, reporters Matt Helms and David Zeman covered a story about a lawsuit between the City of Novi and a development firm called Sandstone Associates.

According to the article, Sandstone Associates was successful in its bid to show that Novi had deliberately driven the firm into insolvency by repeatedly hampering its housing and business development project without just cause. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard awarded Sandstone Associates \$40 million dollars, stating that the City's officials had "effectively created a policy of delay at the cost of the plaintiff's property rights. . . . The situation ultimately became what this court can only describe as a vindictive struggle by defendant Novi to 'beat' the firm.

The article went on to describe the financial burden that Novi's residents will bear if the City's appeal is unsuccessful. Because the City carries only \$20 million in insurance, the remaining funds will almost certainly come from additional property taxes – as much as \$100 per year for the owner of an average home within the City. Cuts in services are another possibility.

Just as frustrating, from the point of view of many Novi residents, is the fact that it cost the City almost half a million dollars to lose its battle. A February 10 follow-up article by Matt Helms reported that, over the course of three years, Novi paid \$457,146 in fees to attorneys, consultants, and expert witnesses.

Considering the discriminatory treatment that EDS has received from our fair city over the years, these tidings do not bode well for Romulus. For instance, Romulus' attorneys – realizing that EDS has rights just like any other property owner – have had the sense to try to justify the City's opposition to EDS' wells by dreaming up excuses like "improper zoning" and "lack of need." Unfortunately, EDS should have little trouble proving that these excuses were manufactured to cover the City's real agenda – keeping EDS out of Romulus at all costs – since a number of our past and present elected officials have been foolish enough to publicly state their plans to oppose any well project proposed by or connected with EDS, re-

gardless of the circumstances. Further, the City's practice of putting stumbling blocks in EDS' path, by revising its ordinances after the company begins work on a project, sounds suspiciously like what Judge Howard described as using city ordinances in a vindictive and malicious manner.

Consider, too, the following:

- Although the City of Romulus carries only half of the insurance that Novi does (\$10 million, as opposed to \$20), EDS is suing Romulus for \$100 million – more than twice the amount awarded to Sandstone Associates. Even allowing for the fact that plaintiffs are sometimes awarded only a fraction of the amount for which they sued, the potential for a truly staggering debt remains.
- The City of Romulus has already paid out more than twice the legal fees that Novi has.
- To date, Romulus has been able to keep residents' city property taxes relatively low due to the fact that business and industry pick up about two-thirds of the tab. But if Romulus doesn't do something to shake its growing reputation for being unfriendly to developers, and word gets around that property taxes may be about to increase dramatically, just watch how quickly current businesses find new locations, and potential new businesses just fade away. This is *not* a good scenario for a town where major development projects (such as the now-apparently-dead Tanger outlet mall) already have a tendency to fall through.
- Finally, to those of you who argue that most residents are willing to chance drastically higher property taxes rather than give up the fight against EDS, I don't buy it. Since there are already a number of other businesses in town that pose a much greater potential for health hazards and environmental damage, it seems senseless to spend millions fighting a company whose project is comparatively innocuous. And people considering a move into one of the City's new housing developments – which should be nice, but won't be cheap – certainly won't want to be burdened with extra property taxes levied to cover the cost of a "cause" so needless and so hopeless.

Over the past few years, Romulus has worked hard to improve its citizens' quality of life. Let's not throw all that work away by continuing what is evermore-clearly a costly, losing battle. ☐

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School District's Employees Recognized for Reaching Various Service Milestones



Employees with 25 years of service.



Employees with 20 years of service.



Employees with 15 years of service.



Employees with 10 years of service.

On Friday, January 29, the Romulus school district held a Service Recognition program to honor those of its employees who have just reached the 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, or 35-year milestone in their Romulus Community Schools career.

Following a buffet-style breakfast, served in Romulus High School's main lobby area, the 300-odd people in attendance gathered in the auditorium for a recognition program. The ceremony began with remarks from Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent, who told his listeners that the district sincerely appreciates the service given by its valued employees. Later, Human Resources executive secretary Carole Bales—who, with 20 years of service with the district, was also among those recognized—announced the names of the honorees, while Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented each with a service pin. Those with 20 or more years of service also received a gift certificate.

Wrapping up the ceremony was a special presentation in honor of the district's two 35-year employees: Terrell Bird, who teaches vocational education at the High School, and Virginia Smith, a second-grade teacher at Merriman Elementary. Romulus Middle School Assistant Principal Christine Powers recalled highlights of their long careers before giving each a service award.

Employees With 35 Years of Service
Terrell Bird and Virginia Smith.

Employees With 30 Years of Service
Mark Anderson, Marge Baird, Elaine Baluk, William Barnes, George Bowersox, Cheryl Brackney, Linda Bradfield, Joyce Bujak, David Ferdon, Diane Golka, Gladys Jones, John Juriga, Michael Kernohan, Charles Kidwell,



Virginia Smith and Terrell Bird were recognized for their 35 years in Romulus Community Schools.

Doreen McEvilly, Bonnie Mientkiewicz, Gail Modzynski, Roberta Orme, Christine Powers, Gail Radovic, Jean Reott, Margaret Ross, Sharon Silveri, and Michael Zaher.

Employees With 25 Years of Service

Darlene Abela, Patricia Adams, Gail Blanchard, Wendy Blohm, Louise Briody, Earl Cornett, Antoinette Dorenzo, Carol Dubsky, Rosemary Foster, Douglas Hoffman, Daniel Hurst, Barbara Jaszcz, Melvin Kimbrough, Lance Knudson, Cathleen Kudra, Arvern Logan, Jesse Meriweather, Agnes Meyer, Howard Miller, Joseph Murphy, Sam Olive, Margaret Olson, Rebecca Oz, Jeffery Royal, Florence Satterlee, Nancy Schonscheck, Dennis Stoh, Virginia Sweatt, Dorene Swindle, Cheryl VanAllen, Al Wilkerson, and Marilyn Wood.

Employees With 20 Years of Service

Carol Abbley, Kathleen Abdo, Tereatha Allen, Carole Bales, Gary Banas, William Baum, Michael Blackburn, Alvoid Blackman, Michael Cadden, Ella

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Employees with 30 years of service.

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Band Students Win 97 Medals at District Festival

Seventy-four Romulus Middle School (RMS) students won a total of 97 medals when they performed at the annual District Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Livonia Franklin High School on Saturday, January 30. Altogether, 16 groups earned the coveted First Division ratings, 25 groups received Second Division ratings, and five entries received Third Division ratings.

First Division

First Division winners included: **(all "A"s)** Carla Broom and Nicole Kizer (flute duet); **(four "A"s and one "B")** Ryan Boyd, Akeem Martin, and Kiera Wilson (baritone trio); Erica Hines and Nereida Pena (clarinet duet); Nichole Miller and Jessica Modrzynski (flute duet); Stacey Clarke, Josephine Denys, and Sarah Herbert (flute trio); Paul Adkins, Jeff Hoffman, Rashad Jackson, and Brandon Moring (saxophone quartet);

and Taritonye Burutolu, Kelly Hardway, and Julian Lambert (trombone trio); **(three "A"s and two "B"s)** Chris Berry, Ryan Boyd, and Shahidah Hasan (baritone/cornet trio); Tiffany Burrell, Andrew Rodger, Miyon Smith, and Henry Wiggins (clarinet quartet); Sarah Lindroth and Sage Nicolo (cornet duet); Rhiannon Crawford, Leslie Perez, and Lysie Ransaw (cornet trio); April Kovacs, Nichole Miller, and Jessica Modrzynski (flute trio); Della Hamby (snare drum solo); Ryan Tackett (snare drum solo); Sabrina Hool and Andrew McNeil (alto saxophone duet); and Taritonye Burutolu and Kelly Hardway (trombone duet).

Second Division

Second Division winners included: **(two "A"s and three "B"s)** Tanya Formosa and Karim Franklin (baritone/cornet duet); Tiffany Burrell, Miyon Smith, and Andrew Rodger (clarinet trio);

LaJoya Orr, Loretta Ransaw, and Ricky Staten (clarinet trio); Stacey Clarke and Josephine Denys (flute duet); Stacey Clarke and Sarah Herbert (flute duet); April Kovacs and Shekiyah Taylor (flute duet); and Ahmad Caldwell and Tim Lewis (trombone duet); **(one "A" and four "B"s)** Chris Davis and Karvens Paillere (baritone duet); Nick Gratiot and Terry Harper (baritone duet); LaJoya Orr and Loretta Ransaw (clarinet duet); Joshua Brown, Larnie Neal, and Sara Schulz (alto saxophone trio); Elliot Craig and Jon Wilkerson (trombone duet); and Jesse Patterson and Matt Slater (trombone duet); **(all "B"s)** Ryan Boyd and Chris Berry (baritone duet); LaJoya Orr, Andrew Rodger, and Henry Wiggins (clarinet trio); Chris Berry, Tanya Formosa, and Shahidah Hasan (cornet trio); Kristina Camilleri and Kristina Rafalski (French horn duet); Randall Frye (snare

drum solo); Kevin Zajac (snare drum solo); and Elliot Craig, Chris Speer, and Jon Wilkerson (trombone trio); **(four "B"s and one "C")** Tiffney Ramsay and Karron Smith (cornet duet); and Paul Adkins, Jeff Hoffman, and Rashad Jackson (saxophone trio); **(three "B"s and two "C"s)** Latina Smith and Ricky Staten (clarinet duet); Karrah Duncan, Tajhiya Harper, Briana Smith, and Shera Williams (clarinet quartet); and Joshua Brown and Larnie Neal (alto saxophone duet).

Both Richard Kruse, band director, and Ed Clark, RMS principal, want to congratulate these students for representing Romulus in such a favorable manner. The two also expressed their gratitude to the parents who transported their children to this worthwhile event and spent some truly quality time with them. □



Della Hamby



Sabrina Hool and Andrew McNeil



Nereida Pena and Erica Hines



Rashad Jackson, Paul Adkins, Jeff Hoffman, and Brandon Moring



Henry Wiggins, Tiffany Burrell, Miyon Smith, and Andrew Rodger



Julian Lambert, Taritonye Burutolu, and Kelly Hardway



Carla Broom and Nicole Kizer



Rhiannon Crawford



Ryan Tackett



Jessica Modrzynski, April Kovacs, and Nichole Miller



Sarah Lindroth and Sage Nicolo



Ryan Boyd, Akeem Martin, and Kiera Wilson

Chili Cookoff/Euchre Tourney

In celebration of "Coming Home" week, the Romulus High School Alumni Association will host its seventh annual Chili Cookoff and Euchre Tournament at the High School (Room 507 and 508) on Saturday, February 20.

"You don't have to be an Alumni Association member to participate in either the cookoff or the euchre tournament," says Marge Bergman, the group's coordinator. "Everyone is welcome."

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m., when cookoff participants bring their chili entries to Room 507 for judging. Winners (chosen in both "mild" and "hot" divisions) will be awarded prizes

courtesy of the Romulus Rotary Club, which cosponsors the cookoff.

At 7:30 p.m., a round-robin-format euchre tournament will begin. The competition is a friendly one, so card players of all skill levels can enter.

During the evening, euchre players and other visitors will be invited to sample all the chili entries after the judging. Dessert will be provided by Kathe Stears. Just bring your own beverage (no alcohol, please!).

For more information, contact Bergman at either 734-941-0272 (weekdays) or 734-326-0889 (evenings and weekends). □

District Employees Recognized

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Coleman, Thomas Dolan, Suzanne Eastman, Mark Fernandez, Alberta Garrett, Henry James, Christine Julvezan, Mary Mahon, Norman McLenon, Linda Meredith, Delores Niergarth, Dorothy Ogletree, James Orme, Carol Pastrick, Kathleen Robinson, Betty Santo, Irene Sandusky, Rose Schoolmaster, Sandra Slater, Suzanne Snyder, Linda Stock, Carol Straight, Deborah Street, Gloria Swanson, Gloria Tipton, Nora Vernatter, Jean Voight, Winifred Water, Connie Watkins, Joyce Weber, Phyllis Wilkerson, and Frank Zarzycki.

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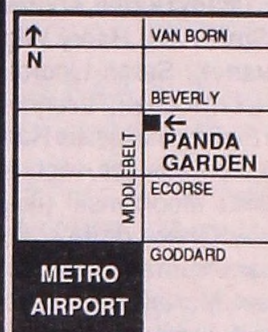
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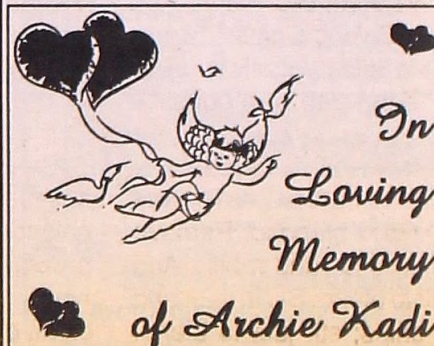
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"Odd Couple" Offers Tips, Healthier Treats for Valentine's Day

Chocoholics, unite and toss aside your guilt! Weight Watchers has teamed up with Hershey's for a "match made in heaven" that will tempt taste buds, but keep your waistline in check. This unusual relationship has spawned some terrific lower-fat chocolate recipes—just in time for Valentine's Day.

For centuries, people around the world have been celebrating Valentine's Day with a variety of fun and meaningful customs. Originating back to the days

of ancient Rome, February 14 has evolved into the time to let your friends, family, teachers, and, of course, your sweetheart, know how much you care.

In honor of the age-old celebration, cards, candy, flowers, and a multitude of other gifts are given as an expression of love and devotion. Even pets are sometimes the recipients of "tokens of love" from their owners. According to a Hartz survey, three percent of pet owners give gifts to their furry friends on the

14th. (If you are part of this three percent, *don't* give your pet chocolate as a gift. It can be toxic, especially to canines.) For the most part, everyone can now be a part of Valentine's Day rituals.

Of course, for the thousands of people committed to their New Year's resolution of "losing weight," Valentine's Day can be a "sticky" day to work around if chocolate comes into the picture.

"Indulging in *some* chocolate on Valentine's Day isn't going to put a grind-

ing halt to your weight-loss efforts," says Florine Mark of Weight Watchers. "One word you do have to keep in mind, though, is 'moderation.' If you want to get to a healthier weight badly enough, you'll know when to put the lid back on the chocolate box or slide the dessert away."

Why not prepare one of these delectable recipes for that special someone in your life. . . . After all, a healthier heart *is* definitely a sweeter heart!

Chocolatetown Brownies

(makes 16 servings)

6 tablespoons 60% vegetable oil spread
1 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons finely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup Hershey's Reduced Fat

Semi-Sweet Baking Chips

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Melt vegetable oil spread in medium saucepan over low heat. Add sugar; stir until well blended. Remove from heat; stir in cocoa and vanilla. Add egg whites; stir to blend. Stir in flour and walnuts. Add chips; stir just to blend. Spread batter into prepared pan.

Bake 25 minutes or until edges begin to pull away from sides of pan. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

Per Serving: 140 Calories, 5 g. Total Fat (3 Points).

Triple Chocolate Snack Cake

(makes 15 servings)

1/2 cup (1 stick) 60% oil spread, softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups (16-oz. can) Hershey's Syrup (do not use Lite Syrup)
2 eggs
1 egg white
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1 cup Hershey's Reduced Fat Semi-Sweet Baking Chips
1/4 cup chopped nuts

Quick Vanilla Drizzle (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9x2-inch baking pan with nonstick spray.

Beat spread and sugar in bowl until well blended. Add syrup, eggs, egg white, flour, and cocoa; beat well. Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle chips and nuts over top.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until cake springs back when touched gently in center. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Put Quick Vanilla Drizzle over top.

Quick Vanilla Drizzle

(makes about 1/4 cup drizzle)

Stir together 1/2 cup powdered sugar and 2 to 3 teaspoons nonfat milk.

Per Serving: 290 Calories, 9 g. Total Fat (6 Points).

Chocolate Swirled Cheeseple

(makes 10 servings)

1 carton (8 oz.) vanilla low-fat yogurt
1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 package (8 oz.) Neufchatel cheese (reduced-fat cream cheese), softened
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs

1 cup Hershey's Reduced Fat

Semi-Sweet Baking Chips

1/3 cup Hershey's Syrup (do not use Lite Syrup)

Line nonrusting colander with cheesecloth or large coffee filter; place colander over bowl. Spoon yogurt into prepared colander; drain yogurt 1 to 2 hours. Remove yogurt from cheesecloth; discard liquid.

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 9-inch pie plate with nonstick cooking spray; sprinkle graham cracker crumbs on bottom of plate. Beat Neufchatel cheese, sugar, and vanilla until well blended. Add yogurt; beat well. Add eggs; beat well.

Microwave chips and syrup in small microwave-safe bowl at HIGH (100%) 45 seconds; stir until chips are melted. Gradually add 3/4 cup cheese mixture, stirring until well blended. Alternately spoon vanilla and chocolate mixtures into prepared pan (chocolate will be thicker). With knife, swirl for marbled effect.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool.

Refrigerate about 4 hours before serving.

Per Serving: 260 Calories, 10 g. Total Fat (6 Points).

Chewy Chocolate-Cinnamon Cookies

(makes 40 cookies, 1 cookie/serving)

6 tablespoons margarine, softened
2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
3 tablespoons plus 1/4 cup granulated sugar, divided

1 egg
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

Beat margarine until creamy. Add brown sugar and 3 tablespoons granulated sugar; beat until blended. Add egg, baking soda, corn syrup, and vanilla; beat well. Stir together flour and cocoa; beat into margarine mixture. If batter becomes too stiff, use wooden spoon to stir in remaining flour. Cover; refrigerate for short time, if necessary, until batter is firm enough to shape.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Combine 1/4 cup granulated sugar and cinnamon; roll balls in mixture. Place balls 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet.

Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until cookies are set and tops are cracked. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely.

Per Serving: 64 Calories, 2 g. Total Fat (1 Point).

Special Chocolate Cake

(makes 12 servings)

6 tablespoons lower fat margarine (40% oil)
1 cup sugar
1 cup nonfat milk
1 tablespoon white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1 teaspoon baking soda

Special Cocoa Frosting (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray two 8-inch round baking pans with nonstick cooking spray.

Melt margarine in medium saucepan over low heat; stir in sugar. Remove from heat. Add milk, vinegar, and vanilla; stir until blended. Stir together

flour, cocoa, and baking soda. Add to sugar mixture; stir with whisk until well blended. Pour batter evenly into prepared pans.

Bake 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely. Prepare Special Cocoa Frosting. Place one cake layer on serving plate; spread half of the frosting over top of layer. Place second cake layer on top; spread remaining frosting over top of cake. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hours or until chilled. Garnish as desired. Cover; refrigerate leftover cake.

Special Cocoa Frosting

(makes 2 cups)

1 envelope (1.3 oz.) dry whipped topping mix
1/2 cup cold nonfat milk
1 tablespoon Hershey's Cocoa
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In small bowl, stir together dry whipped topping mix, milk, cocoa, and vanilla extract. Beat on high speed of electric mixer about 4 minutes until soft peaks form.

Per Serving: 180 Calories, 4.5 g. Total Fat (4 Points).

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EDS, City Await ALJ's Decision

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- the MDEQ acknowledged the "need" for one well site, but not two;
- EDS agreed not to construct and operate more than one waste-disposal well site of any kind, hazardous or nonhazardous, anywhere in Wayne County;
- the MDEQ agreed to issue Part 625 permits for EDS 1-12 and 2-12;
- EDS agreed to plug the EDS 1-20 well with a partial plug, rendering it nonfunctional and satisfying the "need" issues set forth in the Supervisor of Wells denials of June 13, 1997, and February 23, 1998, as well as the May 29, 1998 decision of ALJ Lacasse;
- EDS agreed not to drill the EDS 1-12 and 2-12 wells unless and until it receives a PA 451, Part 111 construction permit for the Citrin Drive facility, and also acknowledged that, if the company is unable to acquire such a permit, the EDS 1-12 and 2-12 Part 625 permits would become null and void;
- EDS agreed that, if the company acquires the EDS 1-12 and 2-12 Part 625 well permits and all other MDEQ approvals necessary to construct and operate the Citrin Drive facility for commercial hazardous-waste disposal, it shall permanently plug and abandon the EDS 1-20 well within 30 days; and
- EDS agreed that, if the company is unable to acquire the necessary MDEQ approvals for the Citrin Drive facility, or if the Court grants EDS the right to operate the EDS 1-20 well, then EDS may proceed with further permitting of the 1-20 well site; however, the EDS 1-12 and 2-12 Part 625 permits would then become null and void.

Having resolved what EDS, the MDEQ, and the State's Attorney General (AG) perceived to be the sole issue of dispute – namely, the issue of "need" – EDS filed a motion requesting that Judge Houk remand the matter back to the ALJ. Although the City of Romulus opposed the motion, it was granted by Judge Houk on January 29, 1999.

On February 3, ALJ Lacasse notified the City of Romulus' attorneys and the AG's office of the fact that EDS' attorney has filed a Motion for Entry of the Stipulation and Consent Agreement. Lacasse gave the MDEQ and/or the City of Romulus until February 12, 1999, to reply to the motion, and announced that his decision will be issued after that date.

Elected Officials Were "Disturbed" by the Consent Agreement

When news of the MDEQ's agreement with EDS became public, many of the area's elected officials expressed outrage at what they deemed to be a total reversal of the MDEQ's previous

position. At the City level, this disappointment was expressed in a letter which Council Chairman Randy Gear directed City Clerk Linda Choate to read aloud during the Council's February 1, 1999 meeting.

In part, the letter stated, "The City of Romulus is disappointed that, for reasons that have not been explained, the GSD [Geological Survey Division of the MDEQ] has reversed its prior position that the Wahrman Road UIW [underground injection well] must be permanently plugged and abandoned before the Citrin Road permits can be issued. The City of Romulus believes that it will have the opportunity to present the case to the ALJ that the GSD's reversal of position on this issue is inconsistent with the law. If given the opportunity to fairly present that case to the ALJ, the City believes that there is substantial merit to its position that the stipulation and consent agreement do not satisfy the requirements of applicable law. The City of Romulus will use all reasonable efforts to see this matter to its conclusion."

MDEQ Supports Its Position

Although the City maintains that requiring the permanent plugging and abandoning of EDS 1-20 was central to the MDEQ's earlier position, Harold Fitch, Supervisor of Mineral Wells and Chief of the GSD, disagrees.

"When the MDEQ denied the Part 625 permit application for EDS' Citrin Drive site, the key issue was the State's perception that there was no 'need' for those wells. The MDEQ acknowledges the 'need' for one site, but not two," he explained. "Since the agreement between EDS and the MDEQ would prohibit EDS from operating more than one well site within Wayne County, we believe that it satisfactorily addresses the issue of 'need' and also is consistent with the MDEQ's responsibility to protect the environment." □

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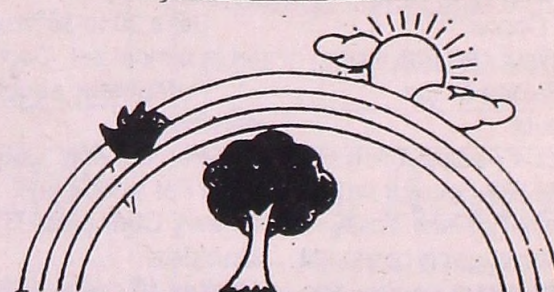
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Congratulations to the following Romulus Community Schools students who made the honor-roll and/or perfect-attendance lists during the second marking period of the 1998-1999 school year.

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HIGH HONORS

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Fuss

Courtney MacDougall, Cory Mortzfield, and Ashlee Wells.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Slater

Jennifer Lammers and Kelsi Milam.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Coleman

Donald Brewer, Carol Deaton, and Candace Lawrence.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Miller

Muneer Khan, Joann Tieppo, and Miah Wade.

HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Fuss

Samantha Amett-Butscher, Amanda Bailey, Landria Buckley, Brian DeMoisey, Katherine Drayton, Mario Edwards, Courtney MacDougall, Thomas Moore, Michelle Nelson, Brandon Ross, and Ashlee Wells.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Slater

Kathryn Appel, Bethany Brink, Ryan Goforth, Samina Haq, Jeremy Hollis, Shannon Kowalski, Jonathan McLachlan, Britney Sephens, Kevin Stockton, and Diana Thompson.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Coleman

Ashley Allen, Carol Deaton, LaRiche Jones, Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, Crystal Scott, Lindsay Sharp, and LaShonda Windham.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Miller

Darlie Atkinson, Jeff Conradson, Robert George, Ashley Glenn, and David Nawrocki.

IMPROVING

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Fuss

James Bullock, Lester Hardy, Riva Inman, Jamie Miller, Kayla Perry, Eric Poet, Kristina Pruett, and Lawrence Stewart.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Slater

Shawn Ayers, Brandon Bragg, Amanda Horton, Joanna Morgan, and Matthew Sharp.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Coleman

Sarah Swain and Kelvin Valentine.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Miller

Allison Bruckner, Samantha Lipkowski, Jennifer Marshall, Christopher Reeves, and Dwayne Starnes.

ATTENDANCE

(An asterisk denotes those students who had perfect attendance.)

Kindergarten "A" - Mrs. Kudra

*Thomas Amici, *Eric Bondie, *Jacob Hopkins, *Kelly McGlynn, *Justin Morgan, *Sarah Orr, *Joanna Rogers, and *Grover Lane.

Kindergarten "B" - Mrs. Kudra

*Sabrina Loving, *Cali Patton, *Crystal Poet, *Dustin Schlitters, and *Rachel Stanley.

First Grade - Ms. Hillis

*Kristin Lawson.

First Grade - Ms. Sohm

*Desiree Elkins, *LaJill Jones, *Stephanie Kuras, *Daniel Lucaj, and *Aaron Shults.

First Grade - Mrs. Van Allen

*Phillip Crook, *Ryan McLachlan, and *Christopher White.

Second Grade - Ms. Allore

*Andre Baker and *Ronald McCray.

Second Grade - Ms. Cervantes

*Lauren Alley, *David Arrington, *Michael Mercier, *Cody Mortzfield, and *Justin Poet.

Second Grade - Mrs. Godbout

*Brett Burke, *Arianna Diebel, *Jessica Godwin, *Jenna Hopkins, *James McGlynn, *Jerry Morgan, *Candace Poet, and *Jeremy Poling.

Third Grade - Mrs. Brackney

*Tiffany Conradson, *Devon Poling, and *Demar Watkins.

Third Grade - Ms. Fontaine

*Cody Bailey and *Katelyn Rogers.

Third Grade - Ms. Hyre

*Derrick Deaton.

Fourth Grade - Ms. Elser

*Bradley Bowman and *Jesse Spicer.

Fourth Grade - Mr. Salhaney

*Angelo Bailey, *Kim Boback, *Joseph Clay, *Joshua Fodwin, *Danavon Leonard, and *Sasha Poling.

Fifth Grade - Ms. Fuss

*Amanda Bailey, *James Bullock, Brian DeMoisey, Courtney MacDougall, Jamie Miller, *Cory Mortzfield, Eric Poet, Kristina Pruett, and Jordan Weir.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Slater

Shaun Borne, Ryan Goforth, Jeremy Hollis, *Kelsi Milam, Matthew Sharp, Mary Stewart, and *Brandon Whorton.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Coleman

*Darnell Abney, *Britney Alley, Darlie Atkinson, *Donald Brewer, *Justin Case, Camilla Coach, Carol Deaton, *Candace Lawrence, *Stephanie Lewis, Jeremy McNulty, Amanda O'Connor, *Crystal Stewart, Sarah Swain, and *LaShonda Windham.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Miller

*Jeff Conradson, Rory Frank, LaNeisha Garrett, Steven Gratiot, *Jamie Hughes, Muneer Khan, Joshua Moran, *David Nawrocki, Joann Tieppo, *Miah Wade, and Natasha Zander.

Merriman Elementary

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Third Grade - Ms. Havelka

Charleen Foster, Jennifer Hollingsworth, Danielle Milhelm, Brendan Petrin, Michael Powers, Chiara Snook, and Julian Williams.

Third Grade - Ms. Austria

Michael Behnk, Kentrell Brown, Alisha Carter, *Joseph Coatsworth, Jona-

thon Daugherty, Ricky DeBus, Brittany Dismuke, Brandon Drouillard, Jasmine Graves, Brianne Stigall, and Dyonna White.

Third Grade - Ms. Stock

Shontez Akins, Tina Bauman, Ellie Jones, Amanda Menser, Jamie Piazza, Brittany Poma, Laron Rodgers, Amanda Taylor, *Jeremy Taylor, and Lajuan Whitlow.

Fourth Grade - Ms. Fitch

Jesse DeBus, Josh Haener, Angela Hall, Sara Heitz, Lindsay Mitchell, Danica Porter, *Jetaun Robinson, Liz Roehrich, Vanessa Russell, Amna Sheikh, Lauren Vera, Gary Wogaman, and Erika Wasson.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Raub

Nicole Bell, Rachel Biggars, Brent Blackwelder, Deanna Kordonis, Kaitlyn Lovenduski, Casey Minner, *Richelle Mortzfield, Joshua Moyer, Trey Piazza, and Courtney Turner.

Fifth Grade - Ms. Kurtzhal

*Jennifer Biggars, *Jacob Chasse, Adam Delay, Jessica Fox, Brittney Garrison, Jacell Green, Keith Gregory, *Samantha Heitz, *Amanda Nowicki, Robert Ray, Cecily Ricer, Deatrice Richards, Krista Smith, Brittany Thomas, Caleb Tipton, *Chris Wade, *Megan Whalen, Melissa Winston, and *Jessica Workmand.

Fifth/Sixth Grade - Mrs. Baird

Fifth Grade

Jennilee Albo, Carla Anderson, La'Myeshia Lewis, Tiffany Motsch, and Chelsea Smith.

Sixth Grade

Sarah Bauman, Amber Camilli, Katie Hale, Tashia Jones, Antionette Nelson, *Swaira Sheikh, Andrew Vera, and LaShonda Whitehead.

Sixth Grade - Ms. Austin

Nicole Armstrong, Janee Barnes, Joseph Bartolo, Garrett Barton, Danielle Boner, *Ronnie Brown, Kenneth Capler, Lamar Davis, Tawanna Griggs, Sierra Hicks, Emily Hornfield, Justin Howington, Elaine Jones, Kristi Kowalcik, Dononique Love, Rebecca Vinson, Jessica Williams, Sarah Williams, and *Ashley Wright.

Ms. Watkins

Shawn Abney, Joshua Arnett, William Blackburn, Michael Darden, Stacey Davidson, Robert Dunn, Nikki Eves, Mike Hudson, and Dennis Porter.

BUG (BRINGING UP GRADES)

First Grade - Mrs. Jaszcz

Angela Bauman (reading), Andrea Caldwell (math and reading), Mona'e Drouillard (math and reading), Emily Dubyak (reading), Karli Gibson (reading), Courtney Hollingsworth (reading), Mika Hunt (reading), Dmion Hunter (reading), Amber Jackson (math), Katie Peters (math and reading), Scottie Snook (math and reading), Cody Szostek (math and reading), Robert Taylor (reading), and Henry Young (reading).

First Grade - Mrs. Reame

Corey Berge, Nate Bolduc, Shelby Cholette, David Genaw, and Ashley Linne.

Third Grade - Ms. Austria

Joseph Coatsworth (spelling) and Ricky DeBus (language arts/spelling).

Third Grade - Ms. Havelka

Robert Knick, Tanisha Miller, Justin Rissane, and Anne Sandusky.

Fourth Grade - Ms. Fitch

Gian Nicolo (all subjects).

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Raub

Earl Denny (science and spelling), Chantell Griggs (reading and spelling), Anthony James (reading), Lindsey Williamson (reading and spelling), and Ambria Winston (math and science).

Fifth Grade - Ms. Kurtzhal

Erica Simpson.

Fifth/Sixth Grade - Mrs. Baird

Ashley Worley.

Sixth Grade - Ms. Austin

Lamar Davis, Justin Howington, Bryant Searles, Calvin Williams, and Sarah Williams.

Mrs. Goulette

Akeem Burkes (math) and Billy Rhodes (spelling).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND HEALTH

Mrs. McCollum

Kenneth Capler (Super Extra Credit - Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Citizenship).

OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. McCollum

Dustin Armstrong, Michael Behnke, Adam Delay, Antoinette Nelson, LeJuan Robinson, Laron Rodgers, Chiara Snook, and Ashley Wright.

BAND - OUTSTANDING EFFORT AND CONSISTENT PRACTICE

Fourth Grade - Mr. Fernandez

Rachel Biggars, Richelle Mortzfield, Jetaun Robinson, and Lauren Vera.

Fifth Grade - Mr. Fernandez

Jennifer Biggars and Megan Whalen.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Fernandez

Ronnie Brown, Kenneth Capler, Jessica Williams, and Sarah Williams.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" - Ms. Foster

Kara Delay, Danielle Doyle, Aleisha Howington, and Britton Williamson.

Kindergarten "B" - Ms. Foster

Ryan Binder, Deonta Delaney, Frances Haener, Elisha McRoy, and Seth Urban.

First Grade - Mrs. Jaszcz

Angela Bauman, Scottie Snook, Cody Szostek, and Robert Taylor.

First Grade - Ms. V. Smith

Amber Cornwell, Aron Flynn, Dustin Foster, and Holly Henry.

Second Grade - Ms. Britton

Jasmine Bass, Cora Capler, Heath-

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Romulus Students Recognized

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er Chasse, Robert Knight, and Alise Whalen.

Second Grade - Mrs. R. Orme

Illaysa Clark, Emily Davis, and Joshua Martinez.

Second Grade - Mrs. L. Smith

Robert Caldwell.

Third Grade - Ms. Austria

Brittany Dismuke, Sasha Wade, and Dyonna White.

Third Grade - Ms. Havelka

Amy Binder, Crystal Denny, Jerry Josupeit, James Legion, and Danielle Milhelm.

Third Grade - Ms. Stock

Tina Bauman, Michael Cochran, Ellie Jones, Whitney Martinez, Amanda Menser, and Jeremy Taylor.

Fourth Grade - Ms. Fitch

Willie Griggs, Angela Hall, and Erika Wasson.

Fourth Grade - Ms. Raub

Dustin Armstrong, Chantelle Griggs, Anthony James, Casey Minner, and Trey Piazza.

Fifth Grade - Ms. Kurtzhal

Adam Delay, Amanda Nowicki, Brittney Garrison, Krista Smith, Brittany Thomas, Daniel Thornton, Caleb Tipton, Megan Whalen, and Jessica Workman.

Fifth/Sixth Grade - Mrs. Baird

Jeff Taylor.

Sixth Grade - Ms. Austin

Nicole Armstrong, Ken Capler, Kris Duprey, Teawanna Griggs, Justin Howington, Alana Odom, Bryant Searles, Calvin Williams, and Ashley Wright.

Mrs. Goulette

Akeem Burkes.

Ms. Watkins

Shawn Abney and Nikki Eves.

ABSENT ONE DAY

Second Grade - Ms. Britton

Kevin Brown, Richard Howard, Sara Kincaid, Freddie Piazza, and Ashley Williams.

Third Grade - Ms. Havelka

Caren Brock, Brittany Mills, Chiara Snook, and Julian Williams.

Romulus Middle School

Seventh Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Jason Andrews, Myles Bell, Elizabeth Berry, Natalie Blake, William Boddie, Kenneth Booker, Jessica Bright, Carla Broom, Ahmad Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Gerald Cantrell, Theresa Chadwick, Stacey Clarke, Stephanie Clay, Jerry Collie, Amanda Cooper, Elliot Craig, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Richard Davis, Christifer Debus, Jenessa Deshazor, Jessica Deverich, Carissa Drobil, Karrah Duncan, Dustin Duprey, James Elam, Peter Elam, Tia Flemings, Melissa Foley, Tanya Formosa, Lauren Fox, Jessica Frost, Randall Frye, Toni Gibson, Stacey Gilbert, Ricky Gilk, Sabrina Gomes, Joseph Goroni, Ashley Gschwender, Stephanie Gurner, Christian Hadden,

Matthew Hannah, Aaron Harden, Terry Harper, Novella Haugabook, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Sabrina Hool, Marcus Jackson, Rashad Jackson, Shaenna Kettlewell, Aaron King, Jerad Kiser, April Kovacs, Kevin Kucharski, Brittni Lansbury, Lisa Leblanc, Sherelle Levi, André Lewis, Timothy Lewis, Sarah Lindroth, Stephen Lopez, Cherise Lundy, Michael Mancine, Philip Martin, Patrick McCollum, Patrick Miller, Christopher Mills, Matthew Mortzfield, Ashley Much, Natasha Murray, Sage Nicolo, Krystal Oliver, Rebecca Oros, LaJoya Orr, Nereida Pena, Kristina Rafalski, Kristi Rice, Shanaya Rogers, Lauren Romak, Cilia Sanchez, Amber Saval, Heather Saval, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Samantha Smith, Christopher Speer, Ricky Staten, Kevin Stickler, Patrecia Sucharski, Ryan Tackett, Jon Taylor, Rebecca Thornton, Kristen Townsend, Isaiah Warren, Kyle Wasson, Alyce Wesley, Mark Wheeler, Marvin Wheeler, Cherie Whorton, Henry Wiggins, Derhonda Williams, Kiera Wilson, Marissa Wilson, Eric Wood, Jeremiah Yeager, Kevin Zajac, and Kristin Zeestraten.

Eighth Grade

Paul Adkins, Shannon Allen, Christopher Anderson, Christopher Bailey, Joshua Barnes, Clint Bergum, Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Joel Bond, Amanda Boner, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Brittney Clark, Meghan Conway, Terra Cooley, Carlos Crockett, Amanda Crosby, Maranda Cushman, Leslie Dailey, Janeise Daniels, Christopher Davis, Sherri Davis, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Julia Deshazor, Glen Farmer, Brenda Finley, Bret Fowler, Karim Franklin, Sarah Gray, Rick Hadyniak, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Lashawnda Harris, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Melissa Holman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Curtis Jackson, Magan Keely, Nabila Khan, Amanda Klages, Crystal Koch, Lucas Kooistra, Hilary Kozma, Julian Lambert, Natasha Lowe, Akeem Martin, Andrew McNeil, Jason Messenger, Jesse Morris, Joshua Nichols, Erica Ochs, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, Leslie Perez, Loretta Ransaw, Delisa Reeves, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Andrew Rodger, Jennifer Sattler, Andrea Shomo, Aisha Siddiqui, Latoya Starr, Jill Steffani, Bethany Swauger, Natasha Tao, Karneill Teague, Matthew Thiede, Brandon Varga, Joseph Watt, Kjersten Wesley, Javin Whitlow, Angela Williams, Mark Woody, and Marquetta Wright. □

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 25, 1999, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/99/7 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/99/8 Moved by Berlenn supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of January 11, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATIONS: Gina Percy, Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective February 19, 1999; and Gleo Wade, Community Middle/High School, Effective January 15, 1999.

1/99/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlenn to accept the resignations of Gina Percy and Gleo Wade as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT (Informational): Treavor Rowton, Paraprofessional, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective January 12, 1999.

RETIREMENTS:

1/99/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools' Board of Education for Irene Scheffer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/99/11 Moved by Woods supported by Webb to approve the resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools' Board of Education for Mary Terrell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/99/12 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to approve the resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools' Board of Education for Zandra "Jean" Tyree. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/99/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn to approve Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report - K-12 Math

Mr. Hoffman and Mesdames Royal, Behta, Bush, and Bujak were present to update the Board of Education on goals and activities regarding math education, K-12, for the 1998-1999 school year and respond to questions posed by members of the Board.

Effect of Choice on Romulus Community Schools

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, attached data that we had requested from our school lobbyist concerning Schools of Choice. He also attached the letter from him and data from Wayne County on sending and receiving districts.

Review of City/School Meetings

Dr. Bedell discussed the meeting progress with members of the Board and stated that we will need an additional elementary building. The next joint City/School Meeting is scheduled for February 23, 1999, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall Community Room.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) MAISL List of Legislators; 2) "Thanks" - WDEO; 3) Article - St. Aloysius; 4) "Thanks" - Ossilyn Woods; 5) Food Service - New Parent Company; and 6) "Thanks" - MIEM.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Berlenn apprised the Board of the Wayne Association of School Boards' workshop on Saturday, February 13, 1999, at RESA from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. He also mentioned the June Legislation Dinner to be held at Dearborn Inn.

Mr. Woods asked if we have a uniform homework policy.

Mrs. Dick asked if we did physical and drug testing for our lunchroom mothers. She also asked what the status was for televising our board meetings.

Mrs. Webb commented that she was pleased that Rev. Humes will be doing the opening prayer for Loren Bennett, Senator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1/99/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:49 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:46 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/99/15 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **St. Paul's Church Hosts Fish-fry Dinners** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will host Friday Fish-fry fund-raisers at the church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday beginning February 12 and continuing through April 9. The menu for each evening will feature deep-fried/baked fish and French fries/scalloped potatoes. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages five to 11. For information, call 734-753-9048.
- **St. Aloysius School Hosts Friday Fish-fry Dinners** – St. Aloysius School will host Fish-fry fund-raisers at the school (located at 37200 Neville Road, behind St. Aloysius Catholic Church) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. every Friday beginning February 19 and continuing through March 26. The menu for each evening will be the same: fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults; \$5.50 for senior citizens; and \$3 for children under 10. For information, call 734-941-3340.
- **Romulus Little League Sponsors "Sweetheart Dance"** – In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Romulus Little League will host a "Sweetheart Dance" at VFW Hall (located at 39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, February 13. Tickets for the semiformal affair – which will feature dinner (served at 7 p.m.), music, dancing, door prizes, and raffles – are \$25 per person or \$40 per couple (beer and setups included; BYOB). For more information, call 734-955-6204.
- **Preschool Storytime at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library's Preschool Storytime program (for children ages three to five who have not yet entered kindergarten but are ready for independent listening) will feature stories, crafts, and games that reflect the program's "Down on the Farm" theme. Parents registering their child for the six-week program – which will begin the week of February 16/18 and continue through March 23/25 – may choose from either Tuesday evening sessions (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning sessions (10:30 a.m.). There is no charge to participate, but advance registration is required. For more information, call the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours.
- **City/School Meeting** – The next City/School meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, in the Community Room at Romulus City Hall. The public is invited to attend.
- **Banquet Will Honor Zeffie Beanum, Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend its 19th annual Person of the Year awards banquet to honor Zeffie Beanum, founding member and longtime president of the American Progressive Association, on Friday, March 12, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Romulus. A \$30-per-person donation must be paid at the Chamber office (located at 9191 Wickham, Romulus) no later than March 3. For more information, call Karan Johnson at 734-326-4290.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs Host Orientation Meetings** – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, invites prospective members (ages six to 18) to attend one of its new-member orientation meetings, held at Merriman Elementary School (15303 Merriman Road) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. The Club's annual membership fee is \$25; proof of age must be provided at the time of registration. Club hours are Tuesday through Friday from after school until 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5839.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan Host Weekly Events** – The Kentuckians of Michigan host the following events each week at Liberty Park (located on Bredow Road in Romulus): *Live Bluegrass Music/Buffer* (Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; \$5 admission/additional \$5 for food) and *Bluegrass/Country Jam Session* (Sundays, 3 to 7 p.m.; \$3 admission/additional \$5 for food). Children welcome! For more information, contact Mary Jo Smiley, Program Director, at 313-381-3382.
- **Looking for Classmates of RHS' Class of '79** – Romulus High School's Class of 1979 is aggressively searching for classmates. Call Duane Moffat (734-761-2753) for information concerning a 20-year reunion planned for August 14, 1999 (note change from August 21).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

Adult Summer Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its adult summer softball league. Teams may choose from among the following divisions. (Note: Red = B & C; White = C & D; Blue = D & below.)

Mon./Wed. Men's White Division

- 8 teams / 21 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$575
- "home run" limit: six per team

Mon./Wed. Women's White Division

- 8 teams / 14 games / 1 umpire
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- cost: \$375
- "home run" limit: no limit

Fri. Men's Red Division (competitive)

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00
- cost: \$475
- "home run" limit: six per team

Fri. Men's Blue Division (recreational)

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:25, 8:35, 9:45
- cost: \$475
- "home run" limit: four per team

Sun. Men's White Division

- 10 teams / 18 games / 2 umpires
- times: 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50
- cost: \$500
- "home run" limit: five per team

(Note: Registration deadline is Friday, April 9. Early sign-up is recommended.)

Little League Baseball

Romulus Little League Baseball will accept registrations for its 1999 season at the Romulus Recreation Department office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per individual or \$50 per family. (Note: All players must sell two cases of candy or pay \$40 extra.)

To register youths ages five to 18 (player's age as of July 31, 1999), a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee.

For more information, call the Little League office (734-955-6204).

Fast-pitch Softball

The Romulus Little League organization also is forming Fast-pitch Softball leagues for the following age groups (player's age as of July 31, 1999): seven to eight (Farm League), nine to 12 (Majors), 13 to 15 (Senior League), and 16 to 18 (Big League).

Registrations will be accepted at the Romulus Recreation office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per individual or \$50 per family. (Note: All players must sell two cases of candy or pay \$40 extra.)

To register, a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee.

For more information, call the Little League office (734-955-6204).

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) continues on Thursdays at Wick Elementary. Romulus Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; students from Romulus High play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of February: Frances Bredow, Maggie Brent, Laura Chesno, Ricky Covertt, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Hepsie Frederick, Marilyn Gemmer, Thelma Gibson, Thelma Griffin, Adeline Hoerl, Jacqueline Meyers, Ruth Murphy, Ida Noble, Shirley Vogler, James Wade, and Madeline Yearly.

Just a Reminder

The Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Friday, February 12, for Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and on Monday, February 15, in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 14, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property-tax, home-heating, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

Celebrate Fat Tuesday with Paczkis

Make the most of Fat Tuesday's excuse to splurge on February 16, when the Romulus Senior Center will serve hot coffee and fresh paczkis (pronounced "poonchkie") – two to a customer – from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is just \$1. Sign up at the Center.

Holiday Market

On Wednesday, February 17, the Center's van will be taking interested seniors to Holiday Market, a pleasant alternative for buying groceries, flowers, and more. Cost is \$1.50 for transportation. Sign up at the Center.

Gone With The Wind

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Gone With The Wind*, starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 19. As always, refreshments will be served.

"Royal" Luncheon Features "Hearty" Meal

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to join your old and soon-to-be friends for a Valentine-theme luncheon at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 26. Among the event's highlights will be the crowning of this year's Senior King and Queen, who will be selected from the group of nominees by a panel of three judges. (All nominations must be submitted to the Senior Center by Friday, February 19.) Last year's King and Queen, Louis Mitchell and Dolores Nowlin, will be on hand to pass along their scepters.

Veggie lasagna, salad, vegetables, bread, and dessert will be served.

Cost is \$4.50. Sign up at the Center.

"Ask the Attorney"

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As always, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must wash their hair before coming in.)

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months.

Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning. □

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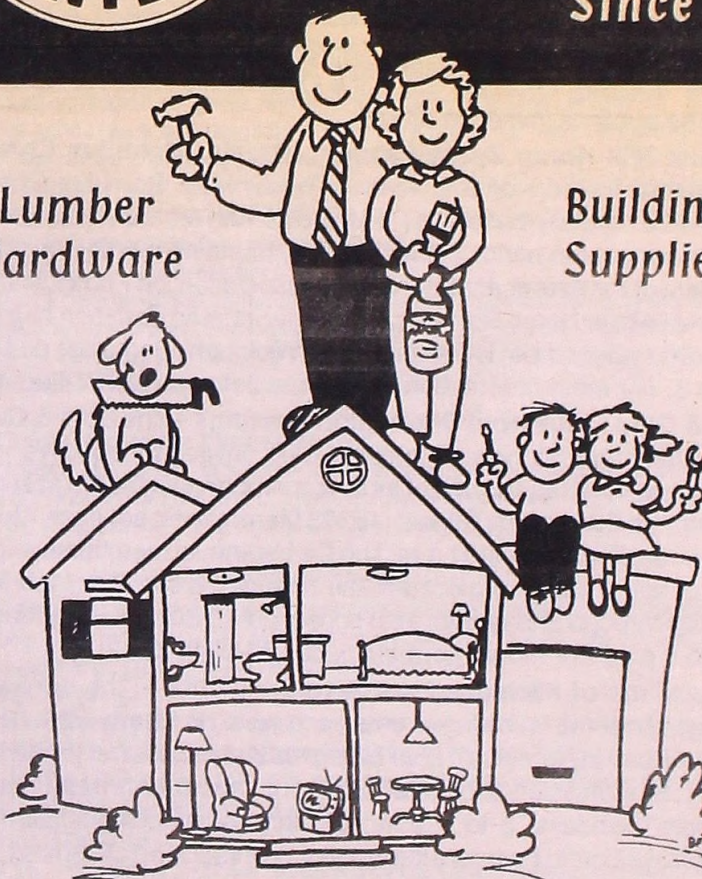
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

The Stork Arrived

Alex Nathaniel Marciniak

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Alex Nathaniel, are Fred Jr. and Sandra Marciniak of Romulus, Michigan.

Born in Sinai Hospital (Detroit, MI) at 5:22 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 1999, Alex weighed in at eight pounds, six ounces, and measured 21½ inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his older siblings, Fred III (age nine) and Laurel (age two).

Fred and Dorothy Marciniak (Mio, MI; formerly of Detroit) are Alex's paternal grandparents. His maternal grandparents are the late Stephen and the late Catherine Kokoski (formerly of Detroit). □



Alex Nathaniel Marciniak

Congratulations!

Andrea Gibson

Congratulations to 14-year-old Andrea Gibson, who—having been named "Miss Teen Romulus—West"—will go on to compete in the Miss Junior America pageant, set for February 27 and 28, 1999, at the Novi Hilton.

The Romulus High School freshman is an honor-roll student who is active in marching band, volleyball, and tennis (in which she has earned a varsity letter). She also performs altar service at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI).

Andrea would like to thank the following businesses/people for sponsoring her pageant competition: Backhaus Construction (Romulus); Dave's & Company (Romulus); Man's Building Center (New Boston); Romulus Auto Parts; Romulus Hardware; Udders (Romulus); Jim and Gayle Gregg; and Andrea's parents, Bernie and Julie Gibson. □



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